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TO: Persons Interested in Career and Technical Education

FROM: Patty Cantú, Director
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SUBJECT: Public Hearings Schedule for the Carl D. Perkins State Plan for Career and Technical Education – Years 2008-2013

As required by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-270), the Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Preparation, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, must develop a State Plan and conduct public hearings for the review of the plan. The 2006 Perkins legislation indicates that the State Plan must:

- 1) Develop more fully the academic, career and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who elect to enroll in career and technical education (CTE) programs.
- 2) Build on the efforts of states and localities to develop challenging academic and technical standards, and to assist students in meeting the standards, including preparation for high-skill, high-wage or high-demand occupations in current and emerging professions.
- 3) Promote the development of services and activities that integrate rigorous and challenging academic and career and technical instruction, and that link secondary and postsecondary education for participating CTE students.
- 4) Increase state and local flexibility in providing services and activities designed to develop, implement, and improve career and technical education, including Tech Prep education.
- 5) Conduct and disseminate national research and disseminate information on best practices that improve CTE programs, services, and activities.
- 6) Provide technical assistance that:
 - a. Promotes leadership, initial preparation, and professional development at the state and local levels; and
 - b. Improves the quality of CTE teachers, faculty, administrators, and counselors.
- 7) Support partnerships among secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, baccalaureate degree granting institutions, area CTE schools, local workforce investment boards, business and industry, and intermediaries.
- 8) Provide individuals with opportunities throughout their lifetimes to develop, in conjunction with other education and training programs, the knowledge and skills needed to keep the United States competitive.

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You may review the Michigan State Plan for Career and Technical Education online at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2008-2013_Draft_Michigan_State_Plan_for_Career_and_Technical_Education_212358_7.pdf. If you are unable to access the State Plan online, a hard copy may be obtained by contacting Pamela Matelsky, Office of Career and Technical Preparation, at (517) 373-0600 or via e-mail at matelskyp@michigan.gov.

Below is the Public Hearing schedule. The hearing sites are accessible. Those attending the meeting are requested to refrain from using heavily scented personal care products in order to enhance accessibility for everyone. People with disabilities requiring additional services or alternative formats for printed materials to participate in the meeting should contact the listed persons by October 31, 2007. Please be advised that the Hearings on November 7 will be conducted as teleconferences.

November 7, 2007

<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Charlevoix-Emmett ISD</u> 1313 Boyne Avenue Boyne City, MI	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Naomi Singer or Em Ellison 231/582-8070
<u>Wayne RESA</u> Education Building – Annex, Room 20 33500 Van Born Road Wayne, MI 48184	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Halyna Bialczyk 734/334-1320
<u>Grand Rapids Community College</u> 151 Fountain, NE - Room 168 Grand Rapids, MI 49503	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Cathy Green 616/234-3883
<u>Marquette-Alger RESA</u> Conference Room C 321 East Ohio Street Marquette, MI 49855	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Tony Ebli 906/226-5144

November 9, 2007

Library of Michigan Lake Superior Room 717 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48933	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Pamela Matelsky 517/373-0600
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